(b) were such rates ever used to be published in the Gazette; and if so, what is the reason for giving it up and when was it given up?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) 1. Yes. 2. The publication was stopped as it was found to be of no use whatever. 3. In 1097.

Chelakkara-Venganellur Road.

123. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the Chelakkara Panchayat has from time to time brought to the notice of the Government the absolute necessity of a road from Chelakkara to Venganellur?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know when this work will be taken up?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot make any promise now.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—This year a bridge has been sanctioned. The road referred to is only a mile—not even a mile—and no great amount will be necessary for the same.

Poor Fund.

124. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

I (1) whether sanction has been given to the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, to raise a Poor Fund;

(2) if the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, whether he is the only Civil Surgeon in the State who is given permission to collect money in the name of the poor and if so, why is this privilege not extended to others;

(3) what are the methods resorted to by the Civil Surgeon to make money for the Poor Fund;

(4) when was the Poor Fund started and since then whether the Head of the Department received any complaint in this matter and if so, how was the complaint disposed of;

(5) what is the total amount collected towards the Poor Fund during the years 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104, up-to-date;

(6) who is responsible for the proper utilisation of the Poor Fund;

(7) has the Civil Surgeon purchased operation tables and instruments to test eyes, etc., from money taken out of the Poor Fund;

(8) has the Civil Surgeon to get the previous sanction of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to take money out of the Poor Fund and use it for any purpose; if so, has there been any instance, when the Civil Surgeon utilised the money of the Poor Fund without obtaining sanction previously;

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II. Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table statistics showing the different items of expenditure from the Poor Fund during the years 1101, 1102, 1103 and 1104 up-to-date respectively?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I. (1) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has sanctioned the acceptance by the Civil Surgeon of any contribution from patients or others who are willing to render charity to the poor patients.

(2) No permission to "collect money in the name of the poor" has been given to any one.

(3) All contributions were voluntary. A hand bill was circulated in January 1926, which was immediately stopped.

(4) In November 1925.

No complaints on record.

(5) The account of collection being maintained in English year-war the total amount collected is given below:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
1100—1101	1925	253	12	0
1101—1102	1926	1,329	5	9
1102—1103	1927	666	9	8
1103—1104	1928	482	6	5
1104—1105	1929, up to 1st July 1929.	70	8	0
		2,802	9	10

(6) The Civil Surgeon, Trichur.

(7) Yes.

(8) There are no definite rules in the matter at present. The question of framing such rules is under consideration.

II. Books relating to receipts and expenditure are placed on the Council Secretary's Table.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (1), may I know whether any sanction has been given to any other hospitals of the State to collect money for charity?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The reply is given in answer to sub-division (2).

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The reply is 'no permission to collect money in the name of the poor has been given to any one.' May I know whether permission was given to any other hospital to collect money in any other name?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Was there any application from the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, to collect money in the name of the poor?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes ; that is how the sanction was given.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Is there any instance of the Civil Surgeon asking for money from the poor, and has any instance of the kind been brought to the notice of the Chief Medical Officer ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to (4), were there any verbal complaints brought to the notice of the Chief Medical Officer ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not understand the meaning of the term 'verbal complaints' ; from whom, verbal complaints from the party ?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—From any one ; from the public ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. K J. Antony.—May I know what was the object in collecting money ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—For charity. I understand really that it was to help the poor patients to get a passage back again to his home, to pay the rickshaw charges or his railway fare, or to give him a piece of cloth to cover his body; any such help to the poor.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—It is stated in answer to sub-division (7) that the Civil Surgeon purchased operation tables, etc., out of this fund. Is that using money for charity ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. K J. Antony.—May I know why the Chief Medical Officer sanctioned to purchase them out of this fund ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was not sanctioned.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Was it purchased without the sanction ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—What I mean is, has notice been given to the Chief Medical Officer about the purchase of these articles from the Charity Fund by the Civil Surgeon ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not before the purchase. I came to know of it only after the purchase.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Has the Chief Medical Officer enquired about it and taken any action for using money from the Charity Fund for the purchase of these articles ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given in sub-division (8).

Mr. K. J. Antony.—That is not an answer to my question.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is the answer.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then my supplementary question is whether any action has been taken by the Chief Medical Officer for the purchase of these articles from the Charity Fund?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I did not ask for any explanation from him.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know why?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is because there was no definite rule laid down how the Charity Fund is to be utilised.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—But there was an understanding that it should be used only for charitable purposes.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was no understanding.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the money was collected without any such understanding—to use it for charitable purposes only?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no understanding to that effect. The only thing was that the fund should be used for the benefit of the poor, and all these expenses can be included under that head 'Charity' in the absence of any definite rules on the subject.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—What is the use of asking supplementary questions if such answers are given?

Nurses' Quarters.

125. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, was given sanction, on his own representation, to rent a house to be used as residential quarters for the nursing sisters doing duty in the Civil Hospital, Trichur;

2. whether a house was rented for the purpose; and if so, at what rent and when was the house rented;

3. did the sisters change their residence to this rented building from the date the building was rented; if not, when did they begin to reside there and what was the reason for not making use of the house as their place of residence from the time the house was rented by the Civil Surgeon;

4. did the Civil Surgeon report to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer about the non-occupying of the house by the sisters as the residential quarters; and if so, when was the first report received;

5. who is responsible to have seen that the rented house was properly utilised for the purpose it was rented or in the alternative to have seen that renting was stopped forthwith;

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